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TO:

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FROM:

Tom Munson, Reclamation Specialist

RE:

Request for Approval of Transfer of Small Mining Notice, from Geneva Rock Products to

H. E. Davis Construction, Levan-Steele Mine, S/023/016, Juab County, Utah

On March 3, 2003, the Division received a Transfer of Notice of Intention of Small Mining Operations from Geneva Rock Products to transfer the Levan-Steele mine to H. E. Davis Construction. Several maps are attached showing the current disturbance, which exceeds five acres for a small mining notice.

The site was originally permitted as a small mine by Bob Steele, who exceeded the five acre limitation of the small mine permit. In trying to resolve this issue with Mr. Steele, the small mine notice was transferred to Geneva Rock Products, who then submitted a Large Mining Notice and a \$56,000 transitional reclamation surety, issued by Travelers Casualty Insurance Company, while the large mine application was under review. Since this time, H.E. Davis Construction has taken over as operator of the site. The surety company provided a rider transferring the principal on the surety from Geneva Rock Products to H.E. Davis Construction. The Division requested the operator transfer the permit for the Levan site.

The Division is now working with H.E. Davis Construction and trying to resolve the permitting concerns so the Large Mine Notice can be approved. H.E. Davis has posted a \$226,100 reclamation surety to cover reclamation of all proposed, present and future, disturbance. The mine is currently inactive and mainly plans to operate only during the summer months. They are restricted to operating within the current footprint until the Large Mine Permit is approved. Once all the permitting issues are resolved, we will be prepared to have the Reclamation Contract and surety bond documents forwarded to you for your acceptance in order to finalize approval of the Large Mine Permit application.

If you are in agreement with the transfer of this mining project from Geneva Rock Products to H.E. Davis Construction, please sign and date the Notice of Transfer. We will then prepare a letter releasing Geneva Rock Products from any further reclamation responsibility at the site. Thank you for your consideration of this request. Bgree LYB 3-7-03

Enclosure: Transfer

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